

January 6, 2006

The Honorable Franklin L. Lavin
Under Secretary for International Trade
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Under Secretary Lavin:

The General Electric Company supports the Government of Ukraine's request that the U.S. Department of Commerce recognize Ukraine as a "market economy" for purposes of U.S. anti-dumping law.

GE and its businesses in Ukraine confirm that market-oriented business conditions are continuing to improve. Business entities are able to convert the Hryvnia freely to other currencies without significant restriction. Furthermore, both local and foreign investors are increasing their foreign investment in Ukraine as opportunities there improve. In addition, large-scale privatizations have added to the private sector's dominance in the Ukrainian economy.

We hope that the information in this letter is helpful to the Department of Commerce in making its determination regarding Ukraine's request for "market economy" status. We note, also, that the European Union recently recognized Ukraine as a "market economy".

Sincerely,



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